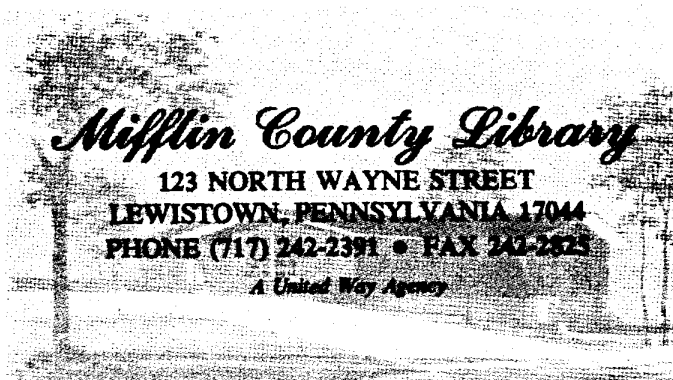


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Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of:  
Request for Review by Mifflin County Library of Decision of  
Universal Service Administrator  
FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-56

USCN Number 519080000017602  
471 Application Number 107111  
Funding Request Numbers 151673, 151674, 151675, 151676, 151677  
Billed Entity Number 125693

I am writing to the FCC to appeal the decision of the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company which denied Universal Service Discounts to our public library by rejecting these five FRNs of our 1998-99 Form 471 application number 107111. I have tried to provide as much information as possible in a clear and concise manner below and in the attached supporting documentation.

On Tuesday, March 2, 1999, I received a letter from the SLD dated February 24, 1999, which included their decisions on the final discount requests from Form 471 number 107111. On March 17, 1999, I wrote a letter of appeal to SLD on these five items (FRN 151673 - 151677) which were not funded. I received their letter denying the appeal which was dated May 26, 1999, on May 28, 1999. The appeal was denied because each of the FRNs had both one-time priority 2 costs and monthly priority 1 costs and "approved procedures do not permit us to split funding requests."

Mifflin County Library's appeal is based on the fact that Mifflin County Library's Form 471 was filed on April 11, 1998 before specific priorities for funding were established by the FCC in June 1998 and that the Mifflin County Library is only requesting funding

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for those priority 1 items which are distinctly identifiable on the disputed FRNs. It is also based on the fact that there never was a rule that if there were mixed categories of service that all items on a FRN would be reclassified to priority 2 status.

A detailed explanation follows:

When the Mifflin County Library prepared the 1998-99 Form 471 number 107111, we were very careful to include only those items which were listed as approved equipment and services in the SLC's website and mailed instructions. Since there were no established priorities for funding at the time, both one-time and monthly charges for the frame relay/Internet service were included on the same line for each of the five libraries in our system. The one-time charges were for the wiring, routers, etc. necessary to establish the frame-relay system we were purchasing for our Internet access. Monthly charges were for frame relay Internet services including e-mail.

The appeal which we filed did not request funding for the one-time charges since we understood that these were priority 2 items for the Mifflin County Library. Our service for the frame relay system began on September 28, 1998, not the August 1, 1998, service start date we had anticipated when we filed our Form 471 in April 1998. Consequently, the library's appeal requested only funding from that date through June 30, 1999 (a 9 month period).

For FRN 0000151673 (Library code no. 125693), the monthly frame relay service/Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library's approved discount percentage is 65%.

For FRN 0000151674 (Library code no. 147103), the monthly frame relay service/Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library - Allensville Branch's approved discount percentage is 65%.

For FRN 0000151675 (Library code no. 147104), the monthly frame relay service/Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library - Kishacoquillas Branch's approved discount percentage is 65%.

For FRN 0000151676 (Library code no. 147105), the monthly frame relay service/Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total

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pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library - Milroy Branch's approved discount percentage is 65%.

For FRN 0000151677 (Library code no. 147106), the monthly frame relay service/ Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library - Rothrock Branch's approved discount percentage is 65%.

I am enclosing copies of all monthly bills from October 1998 through May 1999 to verify the charges we are paying ACSWorld, Inc. for this service. The June 1999 invoice has not yet been received. Copies of the funding decision letter from SLD, Mifflin County Library's appeal request letter, the appeal decision letter from SLD, and the original Form 471 are also enclosed.

Based on these facts, I respectfully request that the Mifflin County Library receive funding for the priority 1 items contained in these FRNs. Please contact me at the above phone or fax numbers if you need additional information. The library's e-mail address is [mifflincolib@acsworld.net](mailto:mifflincolib@acsworld.net).

Sincerely,



Carol J. Veitch, PhD  
Library Director

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# Schools and Libraries Universal Service Services Ordered and Certification Form

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This form asks schools and libraries to list the eligible telecommunications-related services they have ordered and estimate the annual charges for them so that the Schools and Libraries Corporation can set aside sufficient support to reimburse providers for services.

Please read instructions before completing.

(To be completed by each Billed Entity)

**Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications** (School, library, or consortium desiring Universal Service funding.)

1. Name of Applicant (Billed Entity) Mifflin County Library		2. Funding Year 1998	
3a. NCES School Code (if individual school) or NCES Library Code (if individual library)			
3b. 471 Application Number (Administrator will insert this)		3c. Billed Entity Number 125693	
4a. Type of Applicant (Check only one box) <input type="checkbox"/> school <input type="checkbox"/> school district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> library or library consortium under the LSTA <input type="checkbox"/> consortium of multiple entities		4b. If applicant is a consortium, check all other boxes that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> includes non-government entities ineligible for support <input type="checkbox"/> region of a state <input type="checkbox"/> statewide <input type="checkbox"/> multi-state <input type="checkbox"/> state educational agency <input type="checkbox"/> local educational agency <input type="checkbox"/> educational services agency	
5. Applicant's Street Address, P.O. Box, or Route Number 123 North Wayne Street			
City Lewistown	State PA	Zip Code 17044	Telephone Number 717-242-2391
6. Contact Person's Name Carol J. Veitch			
Street Address, P.O. Box, or Route Number (if different from Item 5)			
City	State	Zip Code	
Fill in all of the following (if available), and check the preferred mode of contact: <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone 717-242-2391 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAX 717-242-2825 <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mail			

**Block 2: Purpose of Request**

7 Purpose of Request: (Check all that apply, if any.)	
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Discount on contract(s) signed prior to a request being posted on the Administrator's website. Was an FCC Form 470 filed with regard to all the contract(s)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discount on contract(s) signed after a request being posted on the Administrator's website.	
c. <input type="checkbox"/> Minor modifications or supplement to existing contract(s) for which a Form 471 was already filed. 471 Application Number _____	

**Block 3: Characteristics of Applicant and Applicant's Service Order** (derived from FCC Form 470 Blocks 2 & 3)

8a. Number of students	8b. Number of library patrons 46,197
9. Number of buildings to be served 5	10. Number of rooms to be served 11

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	Existing Services	Total Services After Order
<b>11. Telecommunications Services</b>		
a. Number of phones that have or require service (See instructions concerning extension phones and fax machines.)		
b. Number of computers that have or require service	13	29
c. Number of high bandwidth video conferencing links		
<b>12. Internal Connections</b>		
a. Number of buildings with at least some rooms connected	1	5
b. Number of rooms connected	5	11
c. Highest speed of connection	28K	56K
<b>13. Internet Access</b>		
a. Number of dial up connections		
b. Highest speed of such dial up connections		
c. Number of direct connections	8	29
d. Highest speed of such direct connections	28K	56K

**Block 4: Determining Discount Percentage**

14. Fill in one line per school, library, or library consortium and calculate in the last line, an average discount rate for the billed entity. Attach additional pages if necessary. *Note:* If the applicant has already completed this chart for all of the same entities with data that is current, provide the "471 Application Number" (Item 3b), from that previous FCC Form 471 here:

(1) Name of Individual School or Library	(2) NCES or Comparable Code for School or Library (Obtain from Administrator)	(3) Urban or Rural	(4) <u>For Schools:</u> Number of Students <u>For Libraries:</u> NCES Code of a School in its District	(5) <u>For Schools:</u> Number of Students Eligible for National School Lunch Program	(6) Discount Calculated from Discount Matrix	(7) Check if School or Library will use "Shared Services" listed in Item 15.
Mifflin County Library	125693	Rural	42-15290		70%	[X]
Allensville Branch Library	147103	Rural	42-15290		70%	[X]
Kishacoquillas Branch Library	147104	Rural	42-15290		70%	[X]
Milroy Branch Library	147105	Rural	42-15290		70%	[X]
Rothrock Branch Library	147106	Rural	42-15290		70%	[X]
						[ ]
FOR SHARED SERVICES ORDERED BY BILLED ENTITY (attach worksheet of calculations)						

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**Block 5: Services Ordered**

15. "Shared" services: All EXCEPT site-specific, internal connections and dedicated ("private line") connections from only one school or library to an ISP or other end user.

(1)	(2)	CONTRACT			(6)	(7)	Amount		(10)	(11)
SLC Service Provider Number or Full Legal Name of Service Provider	Universal Service Control Number for Form 470 on which this is based	(3)  Contract Number (if applicable)	(4)  Award Date	(5)  Expir- ation Date	Services or Products	Service Start Date	(8)  Estimated One Time Pre- discount Cost	(9)  Estimated Monthly Pre- discount Cost	Estimated Total Annual Prediscount Cost	Percentage Discount (from Item 14)
143004329	519080000017602				Telecommunications Services					
					Internet Access					
			03/20/98	12/31/98	Internal Connections (Shared)	08/01/98	\$16,701.00	\$0.00	\$16,701.00	70.00%
					Telecommunications Services					
					Internet Access					
					Internal Connections (Shared)					
					Telecommunications Services					
					Internet Access					
					Internal Connections (Shared)					

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16. "Site Specific" Services: Internal connections not shared by multiple schools or libraries and dedicated ("private line") connections from only one school or library to an ISP or other end-user.

(1)	(2)	CONTRACT			(6)	(7)	Amount (See instructions about rounding)			(11)	(12)
SLC Number of Service Provider (Obtain from Service Provider)	Universal Service Control Number for Form 470 on which this is based	(3)  Contract Number (if applicable)	(4)  Award Date	(5)  Expira- tion Date	Services or Products	Service Start Date	(8)  Estimated One Time Pre-discount Cost	(9)  Estimated Monthly Pre- discount Cost	(10)  Estimated Total Annual Pre- discount Cost	Percent- age Dis- count (from Item 14)	School or Library Code (Listed on website)
143004685	519080000017602		03/16/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$3,760.00	\$260.00	\$1,300.00	70.00%	125693
					Internal Connections						
143004685	519080000017602		03/16/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$3,760.00	\$260.00	\$1,300.00	70.00%	147103
					Internal Connections						
143004685	519080000017602		03/16/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$3,760.00	\$260.00	\$1,300.00	70.00%	147104
					Internal Connections						
143004685	519080000017602		03/16/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$3,760.00	\$260.00	\$1,300.00	70.00%	147105
					Internal Connections						
143004685	519080000017602		03/16/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$3,760.00	\$260.00	\$1,300.00	70.00%	147106
					Internal Connections						

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**Block 5: Services Ordered**

15. "Shared" services: All EXCEPT site-specific, internal connections and dedicated ("private line") connections from only one school or library to an ISP or other end user.

(1)	(2)	CONTRACT			(6)	(7)	Amount		(10)	(11)
SLC Service Provider Number or Full Legal Name of Service Provider	Universal Service Control Number for Form 470 on which this is based	(3)  Contract Number (if applicable)	(4)  Award Date	(5)  Expir- ation Date	Services or Products	Service Start Date	(8)  Estimated One Time Pre- discount Cost	(9)  Estimated Monthly Pre- discount Cost	Estimated Total Annual Prediscount Cost	Percentage Discount (from Item 14)
					Telecommunications Services					
					Internet Access					
					Internal Connections (Shared)					
					Telecommunications Services					
					Internet Access					
					Internal Connections (Shared)					
					Telecommunications Services					
					Internet Access					
					Internal Connections (Shared)					



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(1)	(2)	CONTRACT			(6)	(7)	Amount (See instructions about rounding)			(11)	(12)
SLC Number of Service Provider (Obtain from Service Provider)	Universal Service Control Number for Form 470 on which this is based	(3) Contract Number (if applicable)	(4) Award Date	(5) Expiration Date	Services or Products	Service Start Date	(8) Estimated One Time Pre-discount Cost	(9) Estimated Monthly Pre-discount Cost	(10) Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost	Percent-age Dis-count (from Item 14)	School or Library Code (Listed on website)
143001398	519080000017602		03/20/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$0.00	\$166.25	\$831.00	70.00%	125693
					Internal Connections						
143001398	519080000017602		03/20/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$0.00	\$166.25	\$831.00	70.00%	147106
					Internal Connections						
143001394	519080000017602		03/20/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$0.00	\$179.40	\$897.00	70.00%	147103
143001394	519080000017602		03/20/98	12/31/98	Internal Connections	08/01/98	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	70.00%	147103
143001394	519080000017602		03/20/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$0.00	\$179.40	\$897.00	70.00%	147104
143001394	519080000017602		03/20/98	12/31/98	Internal Connections	08/01/98	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	70.00%	147104
143001394	519080000017602		03/20/98	12/31/98	Dedicated Services	08/01/98	\$0.00	\$179.40	\$897.00	70.00%	147105
143001394	519080000017602		03/20/98	12/31/98	Internal Connections	08/01/98	\$510.00	\$0.00	\$510.00	70.00%	147105

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17. ☒ Check this box to confirm that, for each service provider listed in 15 and 16, above, a list is attached (as an appendix to this form) of all of the services that each service provider is providing to the billed entity. Service providers should provide these lists on request.

18. a. Total dollars of support allocated for this application for the entire funding year (calculated by administrator)

b. Amounts of support set aside for this application for the first six months of the year (calculated by administrator)

19. Provide the total estimated cost (pre-discount price) for the services you expect to order in the funding year following the one for which you are applying here. (This figure is not binding.) \$26,048

20. Is your order solely for basic telephone service? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Block 6: Certification and Signature**

21. The applicant is eligible for support because it includes: (Check one or both.)

- a. ☐ schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801 (14) and (25), that do not operate as for-profit businesses and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or
- b. ☒ libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a state library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any schools', including, but not limited to, elementary and secondary schools, colleges, or universities.

22. The school(s) or library(ies) I represent have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for eligible services.

23. All of the individual schools, libraries, and library consortia listed above in items 15 and 16 are covered by:

- a. ☒ an individual; and/or
- b. ☐ higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application (if those services consist of other than voice services).

24. Status of technology plans (check one):

- a. ☒ Technology plan(s) has/have been approved; or
- b. ☐ Technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body; or
- c. ☐ Technology plan(s) will be submitted to Schools and Libraries Corporation for approval.

25. I certify that the entities eligible for support that I am representing have complied with all applicable state and local laws regarding procurements of services for which support is being sought.

26. I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.

27. I understand that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.

28. I recognize that I may be audited pursuant to this application and will retain for five years any and all worksheets and other records that I rely upon to fill out this application.

29. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named institution, that I have examined this request and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

30. Signature Carol J. Veitch

31. Date 04/11/98

32. Printed name of authorized person Carol J. Veitch

33. Title or position of authorized person Library Director

**Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.**

NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS: Section 54.504 of the Federal Communication Commission's rules requires all schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts to file this Services Ordered and Certification Form (FCC Form 471) with the Universal Service Administrator 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. All schools and libraries planning to order services eligible for universal service discounts must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

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The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the personal information we request in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether approving this application is in the public interest. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a FCC statute, regulation, rule or order, your application may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information in your application may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government, is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the taxpayer identification number (such as your social security number) and other information you provide may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide this information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

With the exception of your social security number, if you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC may delay processing of your application or may return your application without action.

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This form should be submitted to: **Schools and Libraries Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 4217**  
**Iowa City, Iowa 52244-4217**  
**1-888-203-8100**



ACS, Inc. 1998 Frame Relay Internet connection rates.

Connection Type	Suggested # Concurrent Users	Equip. Cost <sup>1</sup>	Bell Fee/ Mo. <sup>2</sup>	ACS, Inc. Fee/Mo. <sup>3</sup>	Account Fee/Mo.
56K	<25	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 166.25	\$ 260.00	\$ 10.00
T1	25 - 400	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10.00

<sup>1</sup> Equipment includes Cisco 2501 w/ IP, CSU/DSU, V-35 cable, Cisco Smartnet, Remote diagnostics kit. - One Time

<sup>2</sup> Paid directly to Bell

<sup>3</sup> Minimum one-year contract

Connection Type	Library Branch	Equip. Cost <sup>1</sup>	Teleco Fee/ Mo. <sup>2</sup>	ACS, Inc. Fee/Mo. <sup>3</sup>	Account Fee/Mo.
56K	Lewistown	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 166.25	\$ 260.00	\$ -
56K	McVeytown	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 166.25	\$ 260.00	\$ -
56K	Reedsville	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 179.40	\$ 260.00	\$ -
56K	Belleville	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 179.40	\$ 260.00	\$ -
56K	Allensville	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 179.40	\$ 260.00	\$ -

<sup>1</sup> Equipment Includes Cisco 2501 w/ IP, CSU/DSU, V-35 cable, Cisco Smartnet, Remote diagnostics kit. - One Time

<sup>2</sup> Paid directly to Bell and Sprint

<sup>3</sup> Minimum one-year contract



very important pieces of information relating to the disposition of that request. A complete explanation of each item begins below.

If you have any questions about our decisions on your discounts, you may send them in writing to the Schools and Libraries Division/USAC, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 100 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Your next step in the discounting process is to complete and submit the FCC Form 486 enclosed with this letter to notify the SLD that you are currently receiving or have already begun to receive services for which discounts have been approved. This will enable your service providers to invoice SLD for your discounts. Please note that we are notifying each service provider listed on your Form 471 of our decision on your discount request. In addition, you should contact each service provider yourself to make any necessary arrangements regarding start of services, billing of discounts, and any other administrative details relevant to your participation in the Universal Service Fund. For important information about your Form 486, see next page.

FCC Form 471 Applicants who are approved for discount eligibility are reminded that they continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the SLD may undertake to assure that discounted services are being used in compliance with program rules. If the SLD discovers that discounted services are not being used in compliance with program rules, 471 Applicants will be subject to enforcement activities and other means of recourse by the SLD and other appropriate Federal, state, and local authorities.

#### Explanation of Information Provided in SLD Funding Notification

On the following pages we provide you with a synopsis of the discount eligibility decision for each item you requested. To help understand this synopsis the following definitions are provided:

- \* **Funding Request Number (FRN):** A number assigned by the SLD that will identify a Funding Request. A Funding Request is a single row of item 15 or 16.
- \* **Funding Status:** An item may be "Funded," "Denied," "Partially Funded," or not approved because of "Funds Exhausted." An item that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that SLD determines is appropriate for that item. That will generally be the level requested by the Applicant unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate, for example, a different discount percentage for that item than the FCC Form 471 featured. If an item is "Denied," that denial will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An item will be "Partially Funded" or "Unfunded," in accordance with FCC program rules, if the total amount of funds in the Universal Service Fund is insufficient to fully fund all approved requests. If the Form 471 was received after all the funds in the Universal Service Fund were allocated and it was processed, the status will indicate "Unfunded - Funds Exhausted."
- \* **SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number):** A unique number assigned to each service provider by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
- \* **Service Provider Name:** The legal name of the service provider.
- \* **Provider Contract Number:** The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.
- \* **Services Ordered:** The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.

- \* **Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount:** The first possible date of service for which the SLD will reimburse the service provider for discounted services. Note: If the actual service start date provided on a Form 486 is later than this date, the actual service start date set forth in the Form 486 will be the effective date of the discount.
- \* **Contract Expiration Date:** The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.
- \* **Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost:** Amount in Column 10 of Item 15/16, Form 471 as determined through the application review process, PLUS an automatic extension of monthly costs for Telecommunications Services and Internet Access through June 30, 1999. Please note that, during the Problem Resolution process at SLD, the amount in Col. 10 of Item 15/16 may have been corrected to conform to the information provided about Service Start Date and Monthly Costs.
- \* **Discount Percentage Approved by SLD:** This is the discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.
- \* **Funding Commitment Decision:** This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD is now reserving to reimburse service providers for the cost of the discount for this service. This figure may be different from the Estimated Total Annual Pre-Discount Cost (Col. 10 of Item 15/16) times the Percentage Discount (Col. 11 of Item 15/16) in your application. It may be higher because of the addition of the monthly cost for Telecommunications Services and Internet Access for the six months from January 1, 1999, through June 30, 1999. It may be lower because of an adjustment determined appropriate by the SLD, such as of the discount percentage, or a denial of discounts and, if so, the accompanying comment will explain this difference. The difference may also reflect a reduction from the request level made necessary by overall funding limitations, in which case the "Funding Status" above will indicate "Partially Funded" or "Unfunded." Whatever amount is listed here, it is important that you and your service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts on only eligible, approved services actually rendered.
- \* **Funding Commitment Decision Explanation:** This entry may appear to amplify the comment in the "Funding Commitment Decision," if the discount request for this service is denied for reasons other than "Unfunded" or if the SLD determined that some adjustment to the request level was appropriate.

Using the Enclosed FCC Form 486 and Invoice

**FCC Form 486:** You will use this form to notify the SLD that you are currently receiving or have already received services for which discounts have been approved. Your completed Form 486 allows us to begin processing invoices from your service providers for your discounts. It also sets in motion the process by which you and your service provider can invoice SLD for approved services you have already paid for.

Each Billed Entity Applicant must file a separate Form 486, although each Billed Entity's Form 486 may include services from multiple Forms 471 if the same Billed Entity Number is listed on the various Funding Commitment Decision letters that you receive. When completing your Form 486, please be certain to use the Billed Entity Number as listed at the beginning of this Funding Commitment letter. (We may have revised or corrected the Billed Entity Number from your original Form 471, so please use the number exactly as it is listed in this letter.)

To assist in completing your Form 486, we have pre-printed your Block 1 information, including the Billed Entity Number. Please review the pre-printed

information. If you believe there is an error in the pre-printed information -except for the Billed Entity Number-please cross off and print the correct information above each item. Then make multiple copies of this Billed Entity -specific Form 486 for future use, and follow the instructions with the form to complete and submit it to SLD.

Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form: If you have already paid in full for services for which you are now being approved for discounts, you can use the enclosed Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form to seek reimbursement from your service provider. This Form is not for use by service providers, who have their own invoice form. If you plan to submit a Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, please read and follow the instructions carefully regarding the Form as well as the Form 486 to avoid delay in processing your reimbursement.



SLD Funding Notification Synopsis for Application Number: 00107111

Funding Request Number:00109501 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143004329 Service Provider Name: The Library Corporation  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$16,701.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Inel. svcs./ or product(s)  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: A significant portion of this FRN includes a request for cataloging automation server which is an ineligible product based on program rules. The shared discount was corrected.

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Funding Request Number:00109508 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143001398 Service Provider Name: Bell Atlantic - Pennsylvania, Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,828.50  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 65%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,188.53 - FRN approved; modified by SLC  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The shared discount was corrected.

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Funding Request Number:00109515 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143001398 Service Provider Name: Bell Atlantic - Pennsylvania, Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,828.75  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 65%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,188.69 - FRN approved; modified by SLC  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The shared discount was corrected.

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Funding Request Number:00109523 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143001394 Service Provider Name: Sprint/United Tel. Co. of Pennsylvania  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,973.40  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 65%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,282.71 - FRN approved; modified by SLC  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The shared discount was corrected.

Funding Request Number:00109532 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143001394 Service Provider Name: Sprint/United Tel. Co. of Pennsylvania  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$510.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SLCFUND.ORG What's New Area for further details.

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Funding Request Number:00109548 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143001394 Service Provider Name: Sprint/United Tel. Co. of Pennsylvania  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,973.40  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 65%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,282.71 - FRN approved; modified by SLC  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The shared discount was corrected.

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Funding Request Number:00109552 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143001394 Service Provider Name: Sprint/United Tel. Co. of Pennsylvania  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$510.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SLCFUND.ORG What's New Area for further details.

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Funding Request Number:00109559 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143001394 Service Provider Name: Sprint/United Tel. Co. of Pennsylvania  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,973.40  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: 65%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,282.71 - FRN approved; modified by SLC  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The shared discount was corrected.

Funding Request Number:00109587 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143001394 Service Provider Name: Sprint/United Tel. Co. of Pennsylvania  
Provider Contract Number: C  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$510.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SLCFUND.ORG What's New Area for further details.

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Funding Request Number:00151673 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143004685 Service Provider Name: ACS Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: c  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$5,060.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SLCFUND.ORG What's New Area for further details.

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Funding Request Number:00151674 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143004685 Service Provider Name: ACS Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: c  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$5,060.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SLCFUND.ORG What's New Area for further details.

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Funding Request Number:00151675 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143004685 Service Provider Name: ACS Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: c  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$5,060.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SLCFUND.ORG What's New Area for further details.

Funding Request Number:00151676 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143004685 Service Provider Name: ACS Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: c  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$5,060.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal  
Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SLCFUND.ORG What's  
New Area for further details.

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Funding Request Number:00151677 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143004685 Service Provider Name: ACS Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: c  
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)  
Effective Date of Discount: 08/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998  
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$5,060.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Srvc/Discnt will NOT be funded  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: Funding cap will not provide for Internal  
Connections less than 70% discount to be funded. Please see WWW.SLCFUND.ORG What's  
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*Mifflin County Library*

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March 17, 1999

Schools and Libraries Corporation, Box 125  
Correspondence Unit  
100 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Madam/Sir:

The Mifflin County Library would like to appeal the denial of funding for ACS, Inc. on our 1998-1999 Form 471 Application No. 00000107111. Since we had no way of knowing that the rules would be changed, we included both the network set-up and Internet charges on one line for each of our five libraries. Only the one-time charges were for internal connections. The monthly charges are for Internet access and e-mail accounts via ACS's frame relay system.

Relevant numbers:

Mifflin County Library's Billed Entity Number:	125693
ACSWorld, Inc's SPIN	1430004685

For FRN 0000151673 (Library code no. 125693), the monthly frame relay service/Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library's approved discount percentage is 65%.

For FRN 0000151674 (Library code no. 147103), the monthly frame relay service/Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library - Allensville Branch's approved discount percentage is 65%.

For FRN 0000151675 (Library code no. 147104), the monthly frame relay service/Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library - Kishacoquillas Branch's approved discount percentage is 65%.

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March 17, 1999  
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For FRN 0000151676 (Library code no. 147105), the monthly frame relay service/ Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library - Milroy Branch's approved discount percentage is 65%.

For FRN 0000151677 (Library code no. 147106), the monthly frame relay service/ Internet connection charge is \$260. The service began September 28, 1998. The total pre-discount cost through June 30, 1999 (9 months) would be \$2,340. Mifflin County Library - Rothrock Branch's approved discount percentage is 65%.

I am enclosing a copy of our most recent bill to verify the charges we are paying ACSWorld, Inc. for this service.

Please contact me at the above phone or fax numbers if you need additional information. The library's e-mail address is [mifflincolib@acsworld.net](mailto:mifflincolib@acsworld.net).

Thank you for your consideration of Mifflin County Library's funding denial appeal.

Sincerely,



Carol J. Veitch  
Library Director



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ADMINISTRATIVE CO.

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Whippany, New Jersey 07981

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### Administrator's Decision on Appeal

May 26, 1999

Carol J. Veitch  
Mifflin County Library  
123 North Wayne Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

Re: Billed Entity Number: 125693  
Application Number: 107111  
Funding Request Number(s): 151673, 151674, 151675, 151676, 151677  
Your Correspondence Dated: March 17, 1999

After thorough review and investigation of your appeal, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company has resolved your appeal which seeks approval of additional discounts for the first program year. This letter addresses our decision concerning each Funding Request Number that was included in your letter of appeal for the above referenced Application Number. If your letter of appeal addressed more than one Application Number, a separate letter will be issued to inform you of our decision on the appeal of each Application Number included in your appeal.

Funding Request Number: 151673, 151674, 151675, 151676, 151677  
Decision on Appeal: Denied in full

The following explanation is provided to inform you of the reason for our decision on appeal of these Funding Request Numbers, for those appeals that are denied in full.

#### Denial Reason(s):

- The one-time charges for Dedicated Services included routers, which are designated as internal connections on the Schools and Libraries Eligibility List. These requests were categorized as internal connections services so as to avoid the possibility of treating priority two services (internal connections) as priority one services (telecommunications, dedicated and Internet access services.)
- Our approved procedures do not permit us to split funding requests.

If you feel further examination of your application is in order, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which

are posted to the SLD Web Site at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org). You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date of the issuance of this letter, in order for your appeal to be timely filed.

Once this appeal decision letter is issued to you, we can and will process invoices that may be submitted for Funding Request Numbers approved for discounts in the Funding Commitment Decisions Letter that was originally issued to you.

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company.





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## INVOICE

October 12, 1998

Mifflin Co Library  
123 N Wayne Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

Customer No. 273

Invoice No.	981012
Amount Due	1289.28
Terms	Net 15 days

Date	Description	Amount
October	Frame Relay Service:	
	Mifflin Co. Library	\$260.00
	Allensville Branch	260.00
	Kishacoquillas Branch	260.00
	Milroy Branch	260.00
	McVeytown Branch	260.00
	Sub-Total	1300.00
	Add'l. E-Mail	
	Sales Tax	
	Credit	10.72
	Total	1289.28

Please reference invoice number on all correspondence.  
Make checks payable to ACS, Inc.

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## INVOICE

November 10, 1998

Mifflin Co Library  
123 N Wayne Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

Customer No. 273

Invoice No.	981104
Amount Due	\$1300.00
Terms	Net 15 days

Date	Description	Amount
November	Frame Relay Service:	
	Mifflin Co. Library	\$260.00
	Allensville Branch	260.00
	Kishacoquillas Branch	260.00
	Milroy Branch	260.00
	McVeytown Branch	260.00
	Sub-Total	1300.00
	Add'l. E-Mail	
	Sales Tax	
	Set-Up Fee	
	Total	1300.00

Please reference invoice number on all correspondence.  
Make checks payable to ACS, Inc.

*Automation* # 1300.00  
*v# 3275*  
*Date 11-23-98*  
*M. M.*  
*Approved: 11/19/98 cpr*



## INVOICE

December 14, 1998

Mifflin Co Library  
123 N Wayne Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

Customer No. 273

Invoice No.	981203
Amount Due	\$1300.00
Terms	Net 15 days

Date	Description	Amount
December	FRAME RELAY SERVICE: Mifflin Co Library Allensville Branch Kishacoquillas Branch Milroy Branch McVeytown Branch	\$260.00 260.00 260.00 260.00 260.00
	Sub-Total	1300.00
	Add'l. E-Mail	
	Sales Tax	
	Set-Up Fee	
	Total	1300.00

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Automation \$ 1300.00

V# 3340

Date 12-21-98

Appvd: cjr 12/21/98



# INVOICE

January 20, 1999

Mifflin Co Library  
123 N Wayne Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

Customer No. 273

Invoice No.	990107
Amount Due	\$1300.00
Terms	Net 20 days

Date	Description	Amount
January	FRAME RELAY SERVICE:	
	Mifflin Co Library	\$260.00
	Allensville Branch	260.00
	Kishacoquillas Branch	260.00
	Milroy Branch	260.00
	McVeytown Branch	260.00
	Sub-Total	1300.00
	Add'l. E-Mail	
	Sales Tax	
	Set-Up Fee	
	Total	1300.00

Please reference invoice number on all correspondence.  
Make checks payable to ACS, Inc.

*Internet - ACS 1300.00*  
*V# 3473*  
*Date 2-1-99*  
*Approval: cjr 1/29/99*



# INVOICE

February 10, 1999

Mifflin Co Library  
123 N Wayne Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

Customer No. 273

Invoice No.	990203
Amount Due	\$1300.00
Terms	Net 15 days

Date	Description	Amount
February	FRAME RELAY SERVICE:	
	Mifflin Co Library	\$ 260.00
	Allensville Branch	260.00
	Kishacoquillas Branch	260.00
	Milroy Branch	260.00
	McVeytown Branch	260.00
	Sub-Total	1300.00
	Add'l. E-Mail	
	Sales Tax	
	Set-Up Fee	
	Total	1300.00

Please reference invoice number on all correspondence.  
Make checks payable to ACS, Inc.

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## INVOICE

March 8, 1999

Mifflin Co Library  
123 N Wayne Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

Customer No. 273

Invoice No.	990305
Amount Due	\$1300.00
Terms	Net 15 days

Date	Description	Amount
March	FRAME RELAY SERVICE:	
	Mifflin Co Library	\$260.00
	Allensville Branch	260.00
	Kishacoquillas Branch	260.00
	Milroy Branch	260.00
	McVeytown Branch	260.00
	Sub-Total	1300.00
	Add'l. E-Mail	
	Sales Tax	
	Set-Up Fee	
	Total	1300.00

Please reference invoice number on all correspondence.  
Make checks payable to ACS, Inc.

*Internet - ACS #1300.00*  
*V# 3580*  
*Date 3-16-99*  
*Appvd: cjr 3/16/99*



# INVOICE

April 7, 1999

Mifflin County Library  
123 N Wayne Street  
Lewistown PA 17044

Customer No. 273

Invoice No.	990405
Amount Due	\$1300.00
Terms	Net 15 days

Date	Description	Amount
April	FRAME RELAY SERVICE:	
	Mifflin Co Library	\$260.00
	Allensville Branch	\$260.00
	Kishacoquillas Branch	\$260.00
	Milroy Branch	\$260.00
	McVeytown Branch	\$260.00
	Sub-Total	1300.00
	Add'l. E-Mail	
	Sales Tax	
	Set-Up Fee	
	Total	1300.00

Please reference invoice number on all correspondence.  
Make checks payable to ACS, Inc.

Internet: ACS # 1300.00  
V# 3698  
Date 4-14-99  
Appod: cjr 4/8/99



# INVOICE

May 3, 1999

Mifflin County Library  
123 N. Wayne St.  
Lewistown PA 17044

Customer No. 273

Invoice No.	990504
Amount Due	\$1300.00
Terms	Net 15 days

Date	Description	Amount
May	FRAME RELAY SERVICE	
	Mifflin Co. Branch	\$260.00
	Allensville Branch	260.00
	Kishacoquillas Branch	260.00
	Milroy Branch	260.00
	McVeytown Branch	260.00
	Sub-Total	1300.00
	Add'l. E-Mail	
	Sales Tax	
	Set-Up Fee	
	Total	1300.00

Please reference invoice number on all correspondence.  
Make checks payable to ACS, Inc.

ACS  
Internet : ~~Frame Relay~~ 1300.00  
V# 3765  
Date 5-12-99  
Apprd: giv 5/11/99